

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and clerical errors of the specification have been corrected.

In the Action, claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katsuta et al. (U.S. Patent 5,995,801) in view of Hiroi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,455,667). Also, in the Action, claims 1-5 were allowed, and claims 7 and 8 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to include the limitations of the base claim. In view of the rejection and the indication of the allowance, claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7, and claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 1-5 and 8 have been amended to correct dependency and clerical errors.

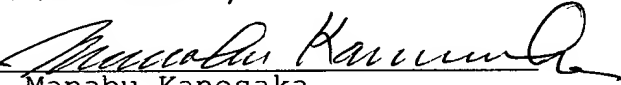
With the amendments, claims 1-6 and 8 are in a condition of allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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